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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year

1964

MELTON MOWBRAY

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Medical Officer of Health.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Melton Mowbray Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me pleasure to present to you my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1964. This has been compiled in accordance with the instructions of the Minister of Health.

A review of the statistics for the year reveal a satisfactory state of health in the District and compare favourably with those for England and Wales.

The population has risen by 540 during the year. The Birth Rate continues the trend of the past 10 years and is now 22.5, compared with 18.4 for England and Wales.

I am pleased to report that there were no maternal deaths.

The death rate has remained reasonably stable over the past 10 years. The chief causes of death were cardio-vascular lesions or diseases, cancer, pneumonia and bronchitis. All the lung cancer deaths were males, from the age of 45 years onwards. This is generally, an insidious disease and may take as long as 25 years before manifesting itself. Fore-warned is fore-armed, prevention appears to be a great part of the answer to the problem.

There was a marked reduction in the notification of infectious diseases. Immunisation and vaccination procedures have contribed to this happy position. It is to be hoped that a vaccine against measles will be available in the not too distant future.

Details of the Public Health Inspector's many activities are to be found in the report.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient servant,

J.V. Loughlin.
Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	5,699
Registrar General's estimated mid-year population	16,850
Number of inhabited houses	5,335
Rateable value	£640,615
Product of a penny rate	£2,549

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the changes in population during the past ten years:-

1955	14,470	1960	15,090
1956	14,520	1961	15,900
1957	14,860	1962	15,980
1958	14,860	1963	16,310
1959	14,870	1964	16,850

VITAL STATISTICS

Relating to Mothers and Infants.

Live Births	
Number	387
Rate per 1,000 population	22.97
Illegitimate live births (per cent of total live births)	4.91
Still Births	
Number	4
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	12.79
Total live and still births	391
Infant deaths (deaths under one year)	4
Infant Mortality Rates	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	10.34
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	8.72
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	52.63
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	2.58
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	2.58
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	15.35
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	NIL
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	NIL

Total live births and birth rates for the past ten years:-

Year	Total Live Births	Birth Rates per 1,000 population.		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England & Wales
1955	242	16.4	14.78	15.0
1956	247	16.7	15.39	15.7
1957	260	17.1	16.49	16.1
1958	234	15.4	16.70	16.4
1959	259	17.1	17.42	16.5
1960	278	18.1	17.76	17.1
1961	296	17.9	18.27	17.4
1962	302	18.1	18.86	18.0
1963	331	19.9	18.67	18.2
1964	387	22.5	18.83	18.4

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Number of deaths	108	107	215

Death Rate

Per 1,000 population 10.8
For England and Wales 11.3

Total number of deaths and death rate for the past ten years:-

Year	Total Deaths	Death Rates (per 1,000 population)		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England & Wales
1955	135	9.7	10.59	11.7
1956	144	11.2	10.29	11.7
1957	152	11.4	10.06	11.5
1958	160	11.2	10.09	11.7
1959	169	11.5	10.20	11.6
1960	205	13.6	10.06	11.5
1961	178	10.2	10.38	12.0
1962	182	10.9	10.19	11.9
1963	195	10.0	10.37	12.2
1964	215	10.8	9.74	11.3

Deaths of infants under one year and infant mortality for the past ten years:-

Year	Total Infant Deaths	Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 live births		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England & Wales
1955	7	28.9	22.5	24.9
1956	9	36.4	23.17	23.8
1957	6	23.1	23.87	23.0
1958	6	25.6	17.27	22.5
1959	8	30.9	17.97	22.0
1960	8	28.8	19.36	21.7
1961	10	33.8	15.72	21.4
1962	7	23.2	17.21	20.7
1963	9	27.2	16.82	20.9
1964	4	10.1	12.46	20.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females	Total
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	2	4
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	7	-	7
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	2	2
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus		1	1
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	20	8	28
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	1	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	11	21	32
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	16	15	31
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	2	4
20. Other Heart Disease	17	18	35
21. Other Circulatory Disease	4	13	17
23. Pneumonia	4	3	7
24. Bronchitis	6	1	7
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	3	2	5
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	-	2
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	1	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1	1
31. Congenital Malformations	1	1	2
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	6	14	20
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	-	3
34. All Other Accidents	4	-	4
Total All Causes	108	107	215

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Disease (other than Tuberculosis) during 1964:-

Disease	Total cases notified
Measles	16
Puerperal pyrexia	2
Scarlet Fever	5
Whooping Cough	3
	26

Disease	Under 1 yr.	1	2	3	4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	TOTAL
Whooping Cough.	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Measles.	-	-	2	5	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Puerperal pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
	1	-	3	6	1	12	1	2	-	-	-	-	26

Tuberculosis

Age Groups	New Cases			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 "	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	-	-	2
25 - 44 "	-	-	-	-
45 - 64 "	1	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	-	-	2

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations have been carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester:-

Nose and Throat swabs.....	3
Faeces & Urine.....	16
Blood.....	1
Sputa.....	25
Water.....	6
Miscellaneous.....	1
	52

Vaccination and Immunisation Procedures

The following immunisation/vaccination procedures were carried out during the year by Medical Practitioners:-

Diphtheria. Whooping Cough. Tetanus. Poliomylitis.

Smallpox.

B.C.G. Vaccination is carried out by the Assistant County Medical Officers.

Ambulance Facilities: House Nursing Service: Home Help Service: Maternity and Child Welfare: School Health Services: Child Life Protection:

The Leicester County Council is the responsible authority for administration of these Services.

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WATER SUPPLY

The water undertaking is under the control of the City of Leicester, and the supply has been satisfactory as regards quantity and quality.

Eight samples of mains water supplies taken for bacteriological examination were reported as satisfactory.

There is no indication of any tendency to plumbo-solvent action in the piped supplies.

Except for a small number of isolated premises the dwellinghouses have an internal mains water supply.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The sewer system within the area is satisfactory and can be expanded as when required.

The sewage disposal works are at present working to maximum capacity, and a large expansion scheme has been prepared which will shortly be submitted to the Ministry for loan sanction.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Cleansing Department is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor.

House refuse and trade refuse is collected by direct labour for disposal at the controlled tip, and a regular weekly collection of house and trade refuse is in operation.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Total number of complaints received	176
Number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	225

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Animal keeping	6
Bakehouses	8
Dairies	14
Drainage works	36
Dwellinghouses (all purposes)	350
Infectious diseases inquiries	15
Food premises	150
Rodent control	185
Shops	25
Abattoir and meat inspection	630
Caravans	8
Factories and workplaces	20
Other inspections	30
	1,477

Notices

	Housing	Public Health
Informal		
Outstanding on 1st January	-	-
Issued during year	10	12
Complied with during year	8	12
Outstanding 31st December	2	-
Statutory		
Outstanding on 1st January	7	-
Issued during year	-	-
Complied with during year	1	-
Outstanding 31st December	6	-

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

One children's open air paddling pool, owned by the Town Estate, where the water is treated by chlorination.

The new Waterfield Swimming Bath is now under construction and should be completed by April, 1965.

THE PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two premises are licensed under the Act.

The conditions are satisfactory and no contraventions were found.

RODENT CONTROL

71 minor rats or mice infestations reported or discovered have been dealt with, and surveys carried out in conjunction with these infestations.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960

No new site licences were issued during the year.

There is one privately owned licensed site for a maximum of 20 vans, and 3 individual vans which are subject to temporary permission.

Several vans have had to be moved from unlicensed sites.

HOUSING

HOUSING IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

In Clearance Areas.	Houses Demolished	Displaced During Year Persons	Displaced During Year Families
Houses unfit for human habitation	19	17	7
Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	2	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas.			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	1	11	5
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders.	-	-	-

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED. NIL

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT & HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

	By Owner	By Local Authority
After informal action by local authority.	15	-
After formal notice under (a) Public Health Act	-	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-
Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957) NIL

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	Number of houses	Number of occupants
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	-	-

Rent Act, 1957. Certificates of Disrepair.

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

New Houses:	By Local Authority	By Private Enterprise
Number of houses completed during the year	18	177
Number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year . . .	-	137
Total number of post-war houses completed	1,097	1,410

Occupied Houses:

Total number of occupied houses in district	5,335
Number of council houses occupied	1,326

Improvement Grants. Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

(1)	No. of applications for grants received during the year		9
	(a) from owner /occupiers	2	
	(b) from owners of rented property. . . .	7	
(2)	No. of applications approved.		9
(3)	No. of applications refused		-

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

(1)	No. of applications received for standard grants from:- (a) Owner/occupiers	11
	(b) Owners of rented property	6
(2)	No. of applications approved	17
(3)	No. of properties improved during the year	18

Housing Applications

Details of applications on the Register at 31st. December, 1964.

Date of Application	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	Totals
Residing in the Urban District	10	8	8	20	78	124
Residing outside the District	12	5	9	35	98	159
	22	13	17	55	176	283

Applications for elderly peoples dwelling, small accommodation and bungalow type:-

For couples	33		
For single person	79	Total	112

In order to make the best use of available housing accommodation, including the relief of overcrowding, 35 transfers and 19 exchanges of houses by council house tenants were approved.

Of 44 applications from tenants for permission to take in lodgers 40 were approved.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors

	No. on Register	No. of Inspections
Dairies.	4	8
Distributors only. .	4	6

No contraventions found

Ice-Cream

Number of premises registered:

(a) Manufacture and Retail. . . . . NIL
(b) Manufacture only. . . . . NIL
(c) Retail only 54

Inspection of the registered premises and vehicles used for the sale of ice-cream were made during the year, and were found satisfactory. Most of the ice-cream is now sold ready packed.

6 samples of ice-cream were all satisfactory.

Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning have been notified during the year.

Meat and Other Foods

All animals slaughtered at the abattoir have been inspected and marked in accordance with the provisions of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963.

Number of slaughterhouses in area.	1
Number of animals slaughtered and inspected . . .	16,945
Number of visits to slaughterhouse.	630
Number of knackers yards in area	1
Number of visits to knackers yard	6
Number of licensed slaughtermen.	14
Licences issued during the year:	
(a) new licences	1
(b) renewals	13

	No. of visits
Meat shops, meat stores, etc	64
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale.	36

The following foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered during the year:-

6 boxes of fish (110lbs); 607 packets of frozen foods; 15 lbs of imported meat; 326 tins of various foods.

No. of certificates issued . . . 69

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number killed	1,767	53	27	7,853	7,245	16,945
All Diseases except Tuberculosis						Wt. in lbs
Whole carcases condemned	0	0	4	22	7	2,427
Carcase of which some part or organ condemned	375	21	2	68	743	6,237
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	21.2%	39.7%	22.2%	1.1%	10.3%	8,664
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	40	526
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.55%	526
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total weight in lbs. 9190

4 tons. 2 cwts. 6 lbs. of meat was condemned during the year, compared with 3 tons. 2 cwts. 54 lbs. last year.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health:

		No. on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	22	6	-	-
(ii)	Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	86	14	-	-
(iii)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	5	5	-	-
		113	25	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:

	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-

Outwork

No. of outworkers. 8
Nature of work . . . . . Making etc of wearing apparel

There were no instances of work in unwholesome premises.